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SUBJECT: MPLA ACCUSES FNLA OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION

1. ON JULY 8 THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE MPLA ACCUSED THE FNLA OF ATTACKING AND OCCUPYING THE TOWN OF TANGO IN THE DISTRICT OF QUANZA NORTE. THE TEXT OF THE MPLA COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. AT THE HEIGHT OF NATIONAL UNITY WEEK THE FORCES OF FNLA UNLEASHED A MILITARY OFFENSIVE IN THE DISTRICT OF QUANZA NORTE AND ON JULY 4 OCCUPIED BY FORCE OF ARMS THE TOWN OF TANGO. THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF MPLA VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE, WHICH IS IN VIOLATION OF THE ALVOR AND NAKURU AGREEMENTS AND WHICH COULD HAVE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT ONLY DENOUNCE THIS NEW ACT OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE, BUT SHOULD ALSO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SECESSION OF NORTHEASTERN ANGOLA AND PERMIT THE FREE TRANSIT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS THROUGHOUT THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. UNQUOTE.

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3. SOURCES HAVE TOLD ME THAT SKIRMISHES ARE IN FACT OCCURRING AT POINTS ALONG A LINE EXTENDING EASTWARD FROM CAXITO. TANGO LIES ABOUT FIFTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF CARMONA. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MPLA PLANS TO MOUNT A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN MID-JULY AND IS SETTING THE STAGE FOR AN ATTACK BY BLAMING FNLA FOR AN INCIDENT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INSTIGATED BY THE MPLA ITSELF. POSSESSION OF A NUMBER OF TOWNS NORTH AND EAST OF LUANDA IS STILL IN DISPUTE AND WE MAY SOON SEE AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE DISPOSITION OF THE OPPOSING FORCES.

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